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Upcycle With Sizzix: Techniques And Ideas For Using Sizzix Die-Cutting And Embossing Machines - Creative Ways To Repurpose And Reuse Just About Anything (A Cut Above)



Synopsis

With the Sizzix die cutting machines, there are thousands of fun and useful applications. These machines cut shapes from paper or fabric, and they also emboss designs into paper. Uses include: Scrapbook or photo album designs and embellishments Handcrafted greeting cards and decorative envelopes Invitations & decorations for weddings, parties, events, etc. Frames, signs, banners, calendars, accents, and other home decor Customize your next holiday: Christmas ornaments, Valentine's cards, Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Easter decorations, Birthday Party, Baby Shower, and Wedding/Reception embellishments Home decor for kitchens, living rooms, gardens, home offices, and family rooms Add some flair to quilts, blankets, hair pins/clips/ties, clothes, jackets, backpacks, purses or handbags For the kids: add a flourish to school projects, arts & crafts, dioramas, posters, etc. Decorative art, collages, papercrafting, and other crafts projects Upcycle with Sizzix offers detailed instructions on how to use a Sizzix die cutting machine to create projects from recycled papers, fabrics, and other materials. Learn how to upcycle found materials in all sorts of crafty projects like collages, banners, gift-giving, and small home decor items, with a new project on nearly every page. Each project includes a detailed materials list and walks crafters through any special techniques that are needed. Packed with photos, illustrations and ideas, Upcycle with Sizzix will have crafters creating amazing elements in no time. And by using "found materials" including music sheet paper, magazine pages, leather, aluminum, old greeting cards, wrapping paper, and lightweight cardboard packaging, they'll feel great about the green projects that are created.

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Welcome!

These beautifully upcycled projects have been created by our talented staff crafters, but don't worry – the projects in this book can be embraced by crafters at all levels.

Whether you replicate a project exactly, use a particular project as a jumping off place, or just use the volume as ingredients for a future creative recipe, you're sure to find the pages that follow to be an inspirational feast! Our team worked their magic and transformed items like old lamps, tablecloths, frames, and watchbands into stylish home décor, jewelry organizers, and bracelets. Perfect for you to enjoy or give as gifts, there's a little something for everyone.

Lay of the land Rather than taking you through each project step-by-step, Upcycle with Sizzix is an idea book that will spark your creative fire. Each project photo is accompanied by helpful hints to help you make the project yourself, including the dies used, the upcycled item that was used, and any special notes.

Die-Cutting Basics Are you new to die cutting and embossing?

You're going to love it. Our machines, dies, and embossing folders are easy to use – you'll be hooked! The creative possibilities are truly endless, and talk about a time saver!

Why spend ages cutting out 30 paper hearts by hand when making cupcake toppers? You can die-cut them in a minute or two. You're also going to love the variety of materials you can cut. our steel rule dies cut materials like fabric, leather, magnetic sheets, burlap, vinyl, foam, felt, compressed sponge, matboard, aluminum cans, and more. If you've never crafted using steel-rule dies, your world of crafting possibilities has just blown wide open!

[View larger](#) **Leather Leaf Gift Box** Dye used: Leaf Recycled item: Old piece of leather Note: Attach leaf (shown here out of leather) to elastic. This will allow the decoration to be recycled to another gift box. This is referred to as, "pay it forward recycling!"

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